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C O N F I D E N T I A L MADRID 6356

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MASS, SP

SUBJECT: REPLACEMENT FOR SPANISH HELICOPTER CARRIER

1. DURING THE COURSE OF MY CONVERSATION ON AUG 25 WITH FIRST VICE PRESIDENT OF THE GOVERNMENT FOR DEFENSE AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF DEFENSE GUTIERREZ-MELLADO, HE RECALLED THAT PRIME MINISTER SUAREZ, DURING HIS TRIP TO WASHINGTON IN APRIL HAD RAISED WITH THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE THE SPANISH NEED FOR A REPLACEMENT OF THE SPANISH HELICOPTER CARRIER DEDALO PENDING CONSTRUCTION OF THE NEW SPANISH SEA CONTROL SHIP. GUTIERREZ-MELLADO SAID IT WAS OF CONCERN TO THE SPANISH THAT ALTHOUGH THE MATTER HAD BEEN RAISED AT THAT LEVEL FOUR MONTHS AGO, THERE WAS STILL NO RESOLUTION OF THE PROBLEMS. HE INDICATED THAT THIS WAS A FURTHER EXAMPLE IN SPANISH EYES OF THE PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED WITH THE US IN THE MILITARY COOPERATION FIELD.

2. I TOLD GUTIERREZ-MELLADO THAT HE COULD BE SURE  
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THAT THIS QUESTION CONTINUED TO BE UNDER ACTIVE STUDY IN WASHINGTON AND THAT IT WAS NOT OUT OF LACK OF DESIRE THAT WE HAVE NOT YET BEEN ABLE TO RESOLVE THE PROBLEM, BUT ONE OF MATERIAL MEANS. WE WERE NOW CONSIDERING A PARTICULAR OPTION FOR RESOLUTION OF THE QUESTION BUT IT HAD NOT YET REACHED THE STAGE WHERE I COULD GIVE HIM ANY DETAILS.

3. GUTIERREZ-MELLADO MERELY COMMENTED HE WAS GLAD  
TO HEAR THAT THE MATTER HAD NOT BEEN FORGOTTEN  
AND HE WOULD HOPE THAT WE WOULD BE FORTHCOMING WITH  
A DEFINITE PROPOSAL IN THE NEAR FUTURE. STABLER

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